

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed concurrently with the payment of the issue fee. Any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper, or with this application during its entire pendency, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Claims 1-11 are allowed in the application. Claim 6 has been amended herein to correct a minor error in claim dependency. Claim 5 provides antecedent basis for "...the distraction screw coupler..." that is further described in claim 6. The amendments herein were not earlier presented because they were discovered during review of the allowed claims prior to issue fee payment. No new matter has been added, and no additional search or examination is required.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment and remarks into the file history of the above-captioned application.

Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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